

Weekly Status & Information Report: December 3 - 7, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of December 10, 2012:

- The City Council is on recess until January 7, 2013
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- City Manager Selection Task Force meeting, Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- Small Community Grant Review Committee meeting, Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium Room
- Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs annual business meeting, Tuesday, December 11, 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- Recreation Committee meeting, Thursday, December 13, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

2. It's a busy weekend in Takoma Park . . . we hope you can join us at one or more of the following events!

-Annual Holiday Art Sale, HUGE art sale featuring the work of 36 local artists and crafters, Saturday, December 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Takoma Park Community Center, Free Admission - www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events

-Takoma Djangology Concert, Celebration of Django Reinhardt's "Gypsy Jazz" with Swing 39, Bitter Dose Combo, Franglais, Titi Bamberger and Juan Arenales. Saturday, December 8, 7:30 p.m., Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, Suggested Donation \$20 - www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events

-Festival of Russian Dance, Akhmedova Ballet Youth Company presents a mixed bill of Russian ballet, folk and character dance, Sunday, December 9, 4 p.m., Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, Free Admission - www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events (Housing and Community Development)

3. Arianna Ross of Story Tapestries: Next Saturday December 15, internationally known storyteller Arianna Ross of Story Tapestries will return at 11:00 for one of her popular programs filled with interactive song, dance and a story - "The Giggling, Wiggling Bookwork." Best for children to age 6. Pre-registration is encouraged. (Library)

4. The Library will feature three special programs for children tomorrow – Saturday December 8:

- At 10:30 A.M. Madame Marie will share songs and rhymes in French.
- From 1 to 3 P.M. Ms. Karen will hold a holiday gift –making workshop. Kids are invited to come and make gifts for the special people in their lives. Craft materials provided, but pre-registration is required so we have enough materials for all participants!
- At 3:00 Karen will lead children in a holiday sing-a-long. Come sing songs of Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. All ages are invited. Local musician and music teacher Wendy Laxner and her students will provide the instrumental accompaniment. (Library)

5. Exterior Home Repair Program - Deadline Extended to December 17: The deadline for Homeowners who are interested in being a part of the exterior home repair program has been extended to December 17. The program offers free exterior repairs to income eligible households. The work will be done by licensed contractors and/or volunteers starting in 2013. For further information and an application, call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222. (Housing and Community Development)

6. Winter Break Camp - Only 2 Weeks Left To Register: Parents, the winter break will be here before you know it and time is winding down for your chance to experience "Winter Wonderland". This 3-day winter break camp will allow you to add some excitement to your child's holiday. Participants will enjoy games, crafts and Holiday fun at the Community Center. Children should bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Open to ages 5 - 11 yrs. and runs from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). Before & Aftercare is also available. Only \$85 for Takoma Park residents...sign up today!!! For additional information please contact the Recreation Department at (301)891-7290.

(Recreation)

7. Fitness Expo 2013 Is Right Around The Corner... On Saturday, January 5, Takoma Park Recreation Center will be host to a Fitness Expo (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). 20 minute demonstrations, interactive presentations, health screenings/seminars and much more. Mark your calendar!! For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

8. Community Center Class Demo Day - Jan. 12: Save the date!! On Saturday, January 12, 2013 the Recreation Department will be hosting a day of FREE class demonstrations. That's right FREE!!! This will be your opportunity to come out and see some awesome recreation programs in action. You will be able to meet some of the instructors and even register for your favorite class or program. The event will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.) from 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be a variety of programs on hand such as dance, drama, art, fitness, nature, multi media and martial arts, to name a few. All ages are welcome as there will be something for everyone. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

9. Futsal League - Over half full! Parents are you looking for a way to keep your star soccer player active during the cold winter months? Well, why not have them participate in the 2013 Futsal league. This league provides a forum for athletes to manage their soccer skills and learn some new ones too. Registration is now open but space limited. Program is open to girls and boys in grades 2-4. All participants will be assigned to teams and provided team shirts for league play. All games are played on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and are held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.) To register online please visit: www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional information please contact Bradley Williams at (301) 891-7282 or BradleyW@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

10. Adult Volleyball (Coed) Begins in January: Open courts for volleyball will be available for adult "drop in" play from 8:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.). This new program is open to men and women ages 18 and over. Individuals of all skill levels are welcome to participate. All games are self-officiated. Program is free with membership or \$5 per person drop-in fee. Program runs each Monday starting Jan 7, 2013. For additional information please contact BradleyW@takomagov.org or (301)891-7282. (Recreation)

11. Safe Routes to School: The Safe Routes to School Coordinator conducted three Bike Rodeos at East Silver Spring Elementary School this week. More Bike Rodeos are scheduled for local schools in the next two weeks. (Housing and Community Development)

12. Multi-way Boulevard Feasibility Study Kicks Off: City Planning Staff hosted the stakeholder kick-off meeting for the New Ave Multi-way Boulevard Feasibility Study on Friday, November 30. Over a dozen officials from Maryland State Highway Administration, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and the District of Columbia attended the meeting to learn about the City-led study and share comments. The study will look at four aspects of converting New Hampshire Avenue into a multi-way boulevard, including traffic impacts, stormwater management, affected utilities, and bicycle facilities. The study is funded through a grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. For more information, see: www.theNewAve.com/development/projects/feasibility-study. (Housing and Community Development)

13. Holiday Book Sale Success: The Friends of the Library special holiday book-sale was held last Sunday December 2. In partnership with Historic Takoma, the sale was held at their facility on Carroll Ave. The sale raised more than \$1,300. for the Friends. (Library)

14. Holiday Card Creation Workshop Update: On Saturday December 1, Alice Sims of Art for the People joined Phil Shapiro of the Library staff in presenting a workshop at the Computer Center, teaching participants to create their own computer generated holiday greeting cards. About 25 people attended. More workshops are planned. (Library)

15. Winter Basketball League - Coaches Clinic Recap: With the help of Gary Weinstein, a Takoma Park Legend and Rochelle Coleman, Head Women's Basketball Coach at Paint Branch High School, the Recreation Department hosted a

very successful basketball clinic. The two coaches spoke on the importance of teaching youth the game of basketball while having fun! They went over tips and tricks to make practices easy and worry free. There were two hands on sessions which allowed the coaches to play the role as players and coaches. All the coaches walked away with hand books and articles to help them become a better coach. The Recreation Department would like to give a special thanks to Coach G and Coach Coleman for all of their help! (Recreation)

16. OFFICERS IN TRAINING:

-On December 4, various sworn personnel attended 2012 in-service Taser Training in Takoma Park, Maryland.

-On December 5, Victim/Witness Coordinator, Diana Dean, attended training entitled "Symposium on Domestic Violence" at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

17. CRIME REPORT: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (November 30 – December 6, 2012) may be viewed online at <http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/12/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>.

18. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: Officers conducted at least 109 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, three vehicle impounds, three Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic and one warrant service arrest from traffic.

During December 1-5, 2012, the following details were completed:

December 1, 2012

Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.

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Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations and two warnings.

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New Hampshire Avenue & University Blvd. (Safety Equipment Violation Orders – SERO violations) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State citations, four warnings and four SEROs.

Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.

Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

18. TRAFFIC OFFICER STATS (PFC Walter Smith):

Week of December 3-5

State citations: 16

Calls for service: 11

Reports: 3

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 3

Warnings issued: 8

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 2

Court: 2 hours

Training: 16 hours

Foot patrol: 3 hours